STATE OF DELAWARE

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, COUNCIL 81, LOCAL 3936, AFL-CIO,

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Charging Party,

:

v. : <u>ULP No. 18-08-1154</u>

STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF : Order of Dismissal

STATE, DELAWARE VETERANS HOME,

:

Respondent.

<u>Appearances</u>

Lance Geren, Esq., O'Donoghue & O'Donoghue, for AFSCME LU 3936

Khrishna Hawkins, SLREP/DHR, for the State, DVH

BACKGROUND

- 1. The State of Delaware ("State") is a public employer within the meaning of 19 <u>Del.C.</u> §1302(p) of the Public Employment Relations Act, 19 <u>Del.C.</u> Chapter 13 (PERA). The Department of State ("DOS") is an agency of the State. The Delaware Veterans Home ("DVH") is a division of DOS.
- 2. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, ("AFSCME") Council 81 is an employee organization within the meaning of 19 Del.C. §1302(i). By and through its affiliated Local 3936, it is the exclusive bargaining representative of State employees at the Delaware Veterans Home which includes Dietician Assistants, Certified Nursing Assistants, Licensed Practical Nurses I, II, and III, Activity Aides, Advance Practice Nurses, and Registered Nurses I, II, and III, as defined in DOL Case 176.

3. On August 8, 2018, AFSCME filed an unfair labor practice charge with the

Delaware Public Employment Relations Board ("PERB") alleging DVH had engaged in

conduct which violated 19 <u>Del.C.</u> §1307(a)(1), (a)(5), and (a)(6), by unilaterally

implementing a scheduling and staffing policy for bargaining unit employees working in

DVH's nursing department.

4. On September 4, 2018, the State filed an Answer to the Charge which

included New Matter, asserting the Charge failed to state a claim for which relief can be

granted under the PERA and that the Charge was moot. On September 14, 2018, AFSCME

filed a Response to New Matter in which it denied the State's new matter and defenses.

5. A Probable Cause Determination was issued on October 25, 2018.

6. A hearing was scheduled and convened on February 4, 2019. During the

hearing, AFSCME requested to withdraw its Charge.

WHEREFORE, this unfair labor practice charge is hereby dismissed in its entirety.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: February 4, 2019

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Executive Director

Del. Public Employment Relations Bd.